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THE NEW SONIC VIDEO GAME SONIC RUSH ADVENTURE

SONIC

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THE HEDGEHOG AND EGGMAN... FRIENDS?



Tracy
Yardley

PREPARATIONS FOR **WAR!**

STAY OUT
OF THIS, SONIC!
MY FIGHT ISN'T
WITH YOU
TODAY!

AS
COMFORTING
AS THAT IS TO
KNOW, DOC, I
DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR
YOU RIGHT
NOW!

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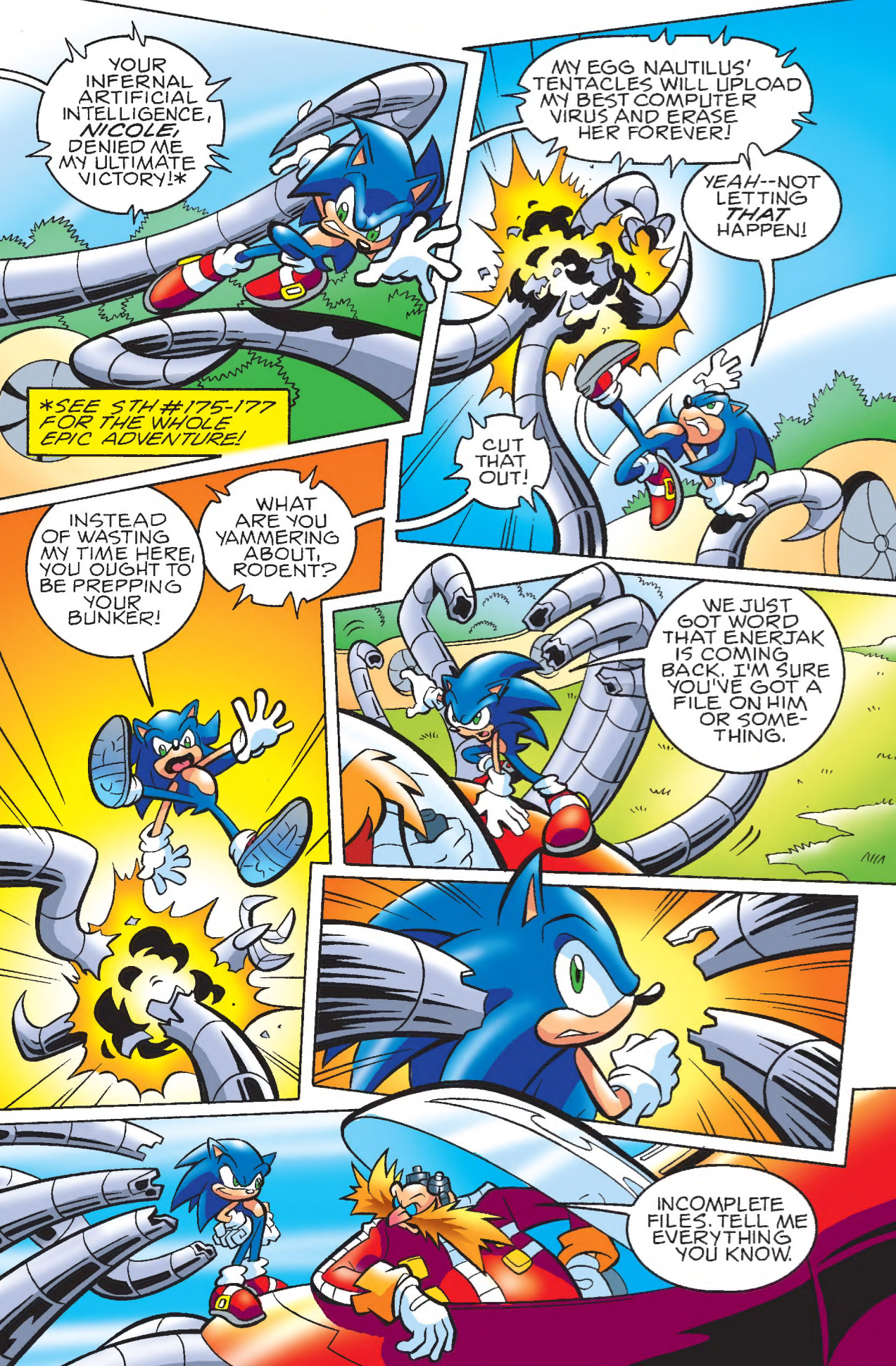
DR. FINITEVUS
Villain

DIMITRI
Ancient Echidna
Scientist

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Hero of Mobius

JULIE-SU
Knuckles'
Warrior Love

DR. IVO "EGGMAN"
ROBOTNIK
World-Conquering
Mad Scientist



YOUR
INFERNAL
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE,
NICOLE,
DENIED ME
MY ULTIMATE
VICTORY!*

*SEE *STH* #175-177
FOR THE WHOLE
EPIC ADVENTURE!

MY EGG NAUTILUS'
TENTACLES WILL UPLOAD
MY BEST COMPUTER
VIRUS AND ERASE
HER FOREVER!

YEAH--NOT
LETTING
THAT
HAPPEN!

CUT
THAT
OUT!

INSTEAD
OF WASTING
MY TIME HERE,
YOU OUGHT TO
BE PREPPING
YOUR
BUNKER!

WHAT
ARE YOU
YAMMERING
ABOUT,
RODENT?

WE JUST
GOT WORD
THAT ENERJAK
IS COMING
BACK. I'M SURE
YOU'VE GOT A
FILE ON HIM
OR SOME-
THING.

INCOMPLETE
FILES. TELL ME
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW.

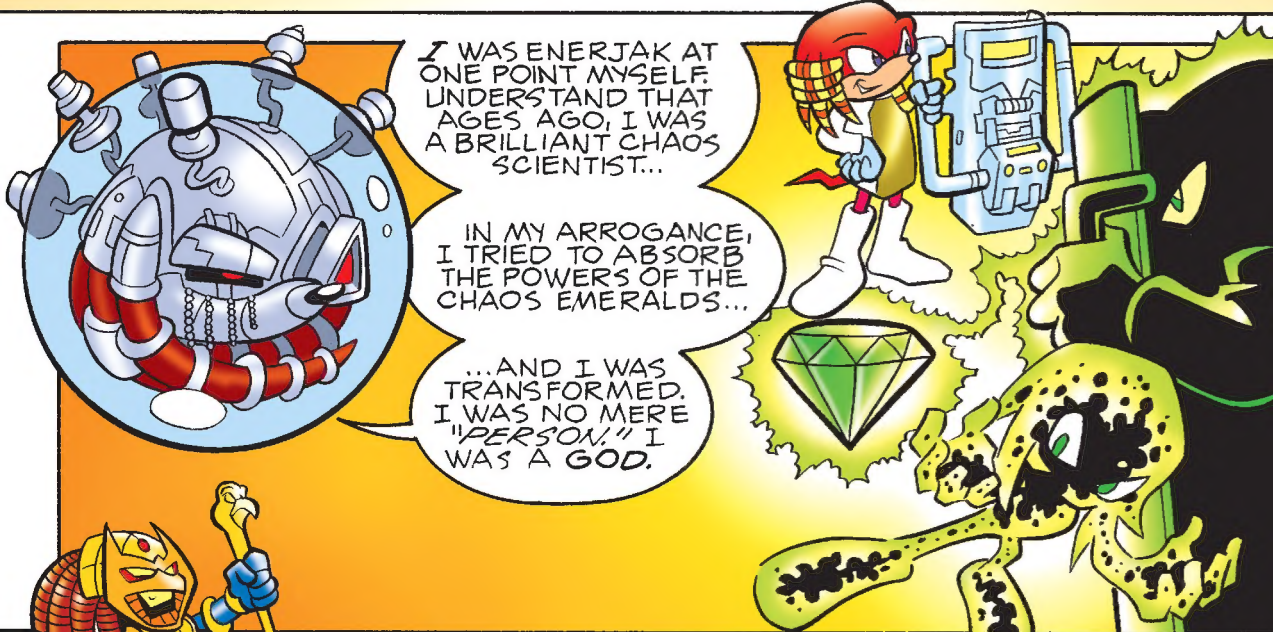


NOW THAT THE **COUNCIL OF ACORN** HAS GATHERED, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR, MR. DIMITRI. TELL US EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS "ENERJAK" PERSON.

OF COURSE, KING ELIAS.

IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC HAS STALLED HIM, SALLY.

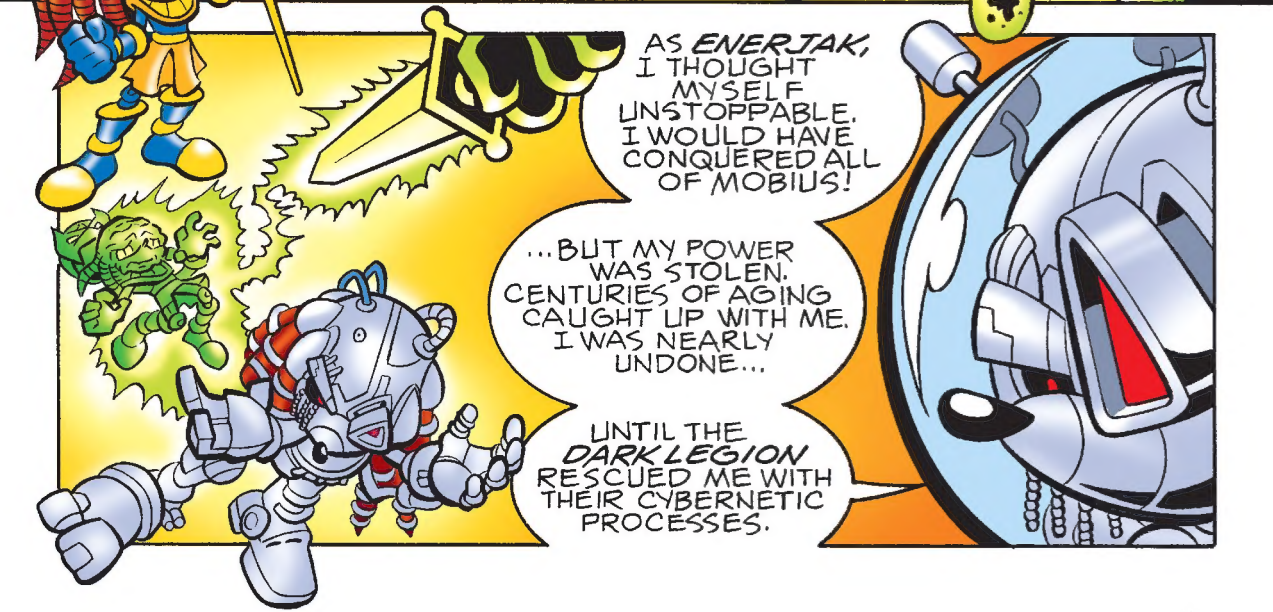
I KNEW HE WOULD. KEEP ME POSTED, NICOLE.



I WAS ENERJAK AT ONE POINT MYSELF. UNDERSTAND THAT AGES AGO, I WAS A BRILLIANT CHAOS SCIENTIST...

IN MY ARROGANCE, I TRIED TO ABSORB THE POWERS OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS...

...AND I WAS TRANSFORMED. I WAS NO MERE "PERSON." I WAS A GOD.



AS ENERJAK, I THOUGHT MYSELF UNSTOPPABLE. I WOULD HAVE CONQUERED ALL OF MOBIUS!

...BUT MY POWER WAS STOLEN. CENTURIES OF AGING CAUGHT UP WITH ME. I WAS NEARLY UNDONE...

UNTIL THE **DARK LEGION** RESCUED ME WITH THEIR CYBERNETIC PROCESSES.

IT WAS NOT A PERFECT SOLUTION, HOWEVER. WITH MY LIFE STILL EBBING AWAY, I ALLOWED *DR. FINITEVUS* TO DISASSEMBLE ME IN HOPES OF FINDING A WAY TO RETURN ME TO MY FORMER POWER.

AND YOU TRUSTED HIM WITH YOUR LIFE?

TRY TO UNDERSTAND, PRINCESS. AT THAT POINT, I WAS *DESPERATE*. I THOUGHT HE WAS GENUINELY LOYAL LIKE THE REST OF THE DARK LEGION.

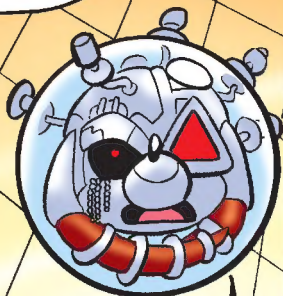
SO IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE *ENERJAK*, WHO IS?

I DO NOT KNOW, SIR CHARLES. I CAME LOOKING FOR AID THE MOMENT I REALIZED FINITEVUS HAD BETRAYED ME.

YET, I HADN'T ANTICIPATED THAT THE LAST BASTION OF "*FREEDOM*" ON MOBIUS WOULD BE SO SLOW TO ACT.

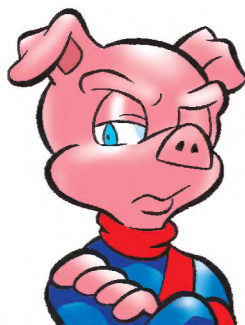
MY FIRST CONCERN IS MY PEOPLE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO RUSH TO ARMS WITHOUT A SOLID PLAN.

AS A FIELD LEADER, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE READY AND WILLING TO GO TO ANGEL ISLAND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

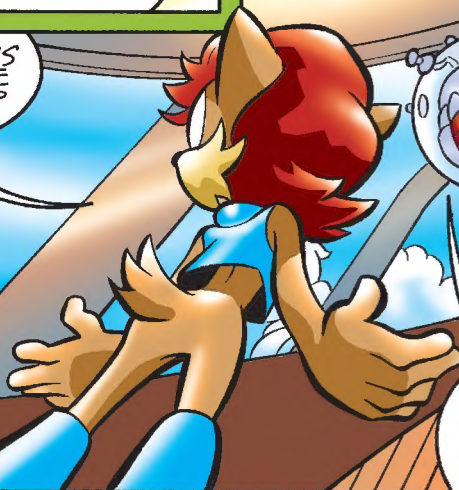


PRECISELY. STOP THIS MADNESS BEFORE IT BEGINS.

BUT LIKE KING ELIAS SAID, WE DON'T WANT YOU GOING WITHOUT EVERY ADVANTAGE. WE CAN ONLY SPREAD NICOLE AND HER NANITES SO THIN.



DYLAN, WHO SAYS WE NEED TO BE PROTECTED--?

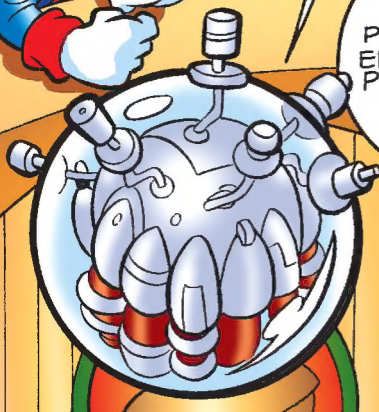
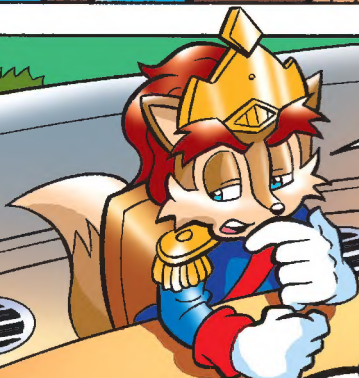


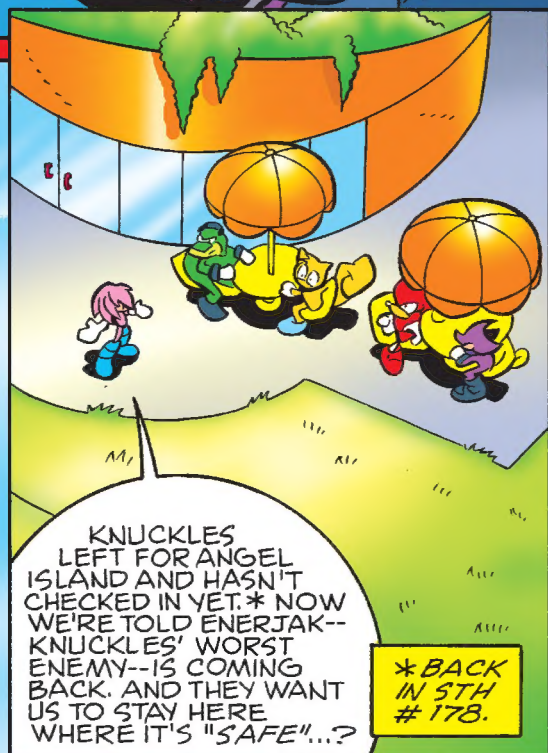
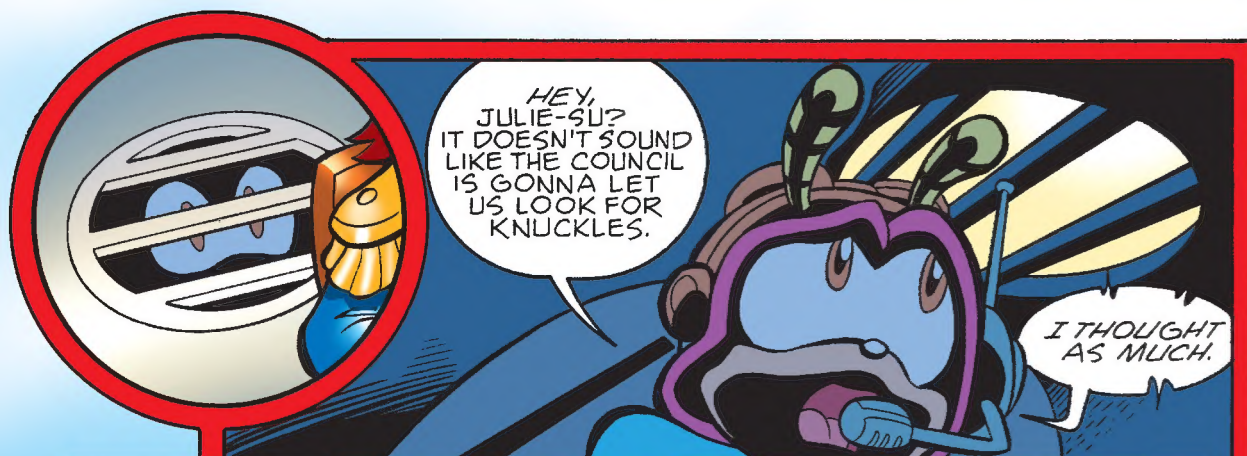
THEN SEND THE CHAOTIX. THEY CLAIM ANGEL ISLAND AS THEIR HOME.

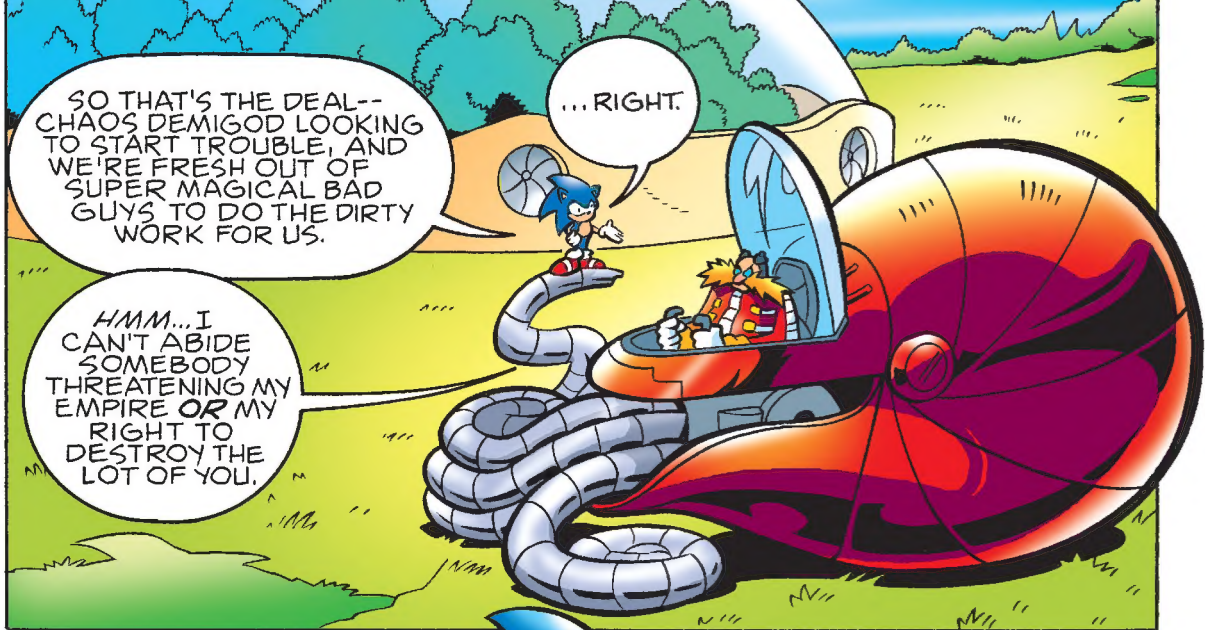
IT'S TRUE THAT THE CHAOTIX ARE FREE AGENTS...

BUT...?

...THEY'VE RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR MY PEOPLE. THEY'RE ENTITLED TO OUR PROTECTION AS MUCH AS ANYBODY ELSE.



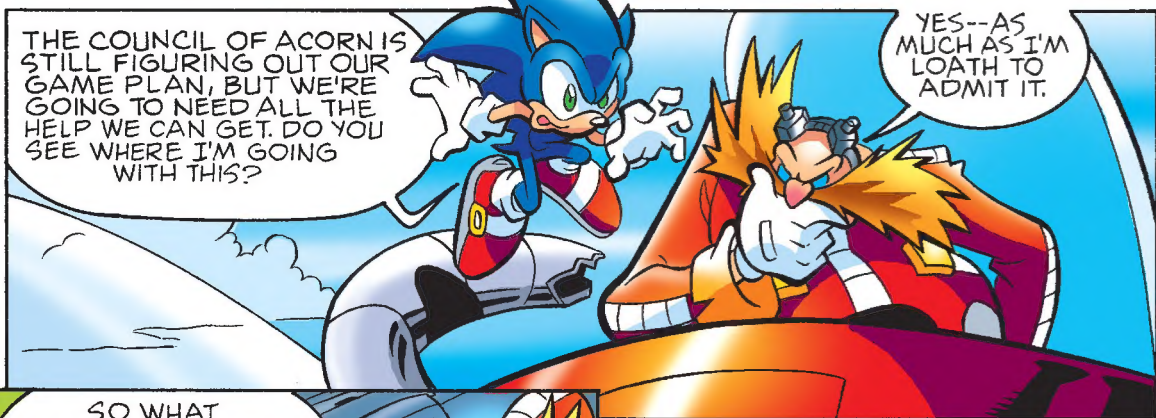




SO THAT'S THE DEAL--
CHAOS DEMIGOD LOOKING
TO START TROUBLE, AND
WE'RE FRESH OUT OF
SUPER MAGICAL BAD
GUYS TO DO THE DIRTY
WORK FOR US.

...RIGHT.

HMM...I
CAN'T ABIDE
SOMEBODY
THREATENING MY
EMPIRE *OR* MY
RIGHT TO
DESTROY THE
LOT OF YOU.



THE COUNCIL OF ACORN IS
STILL FIGURING OUT OUR
GAME PLAN, BUT WE'RE
GOING TO NEED ALL THE
HELP WE CAN GET. DO YOU
SEE WHERE I'M GOING
WITH THIS?

YES--AS
MUCH AS I'M
LOATH TO
ADMIT IT.



SO WHAT
DO YOU SAY, DOC?
WE CALL A TRUCE UNTIL
WE GET THIS
ENERJAK GUY
SETTLED?

WE NEED TO
PREPARE FOR
THE WORST. FOR
NOW, WE ARE
ALLIES.

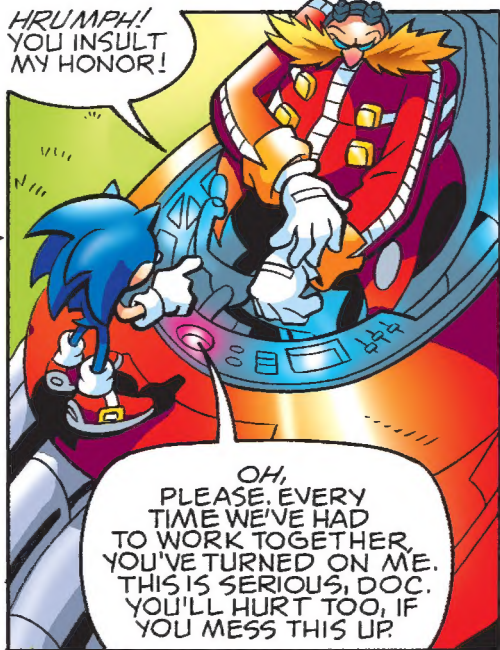
COMBINE
OUR FORCES...
DEFEAT A
BEING OF
IMMEASURABLE
POWER...
HEH HEH
--YES...



UH-HUH, AND
LET'S TRY TO
AVOID THE
BACK-STABBING
THIS TIME
...OKAY?



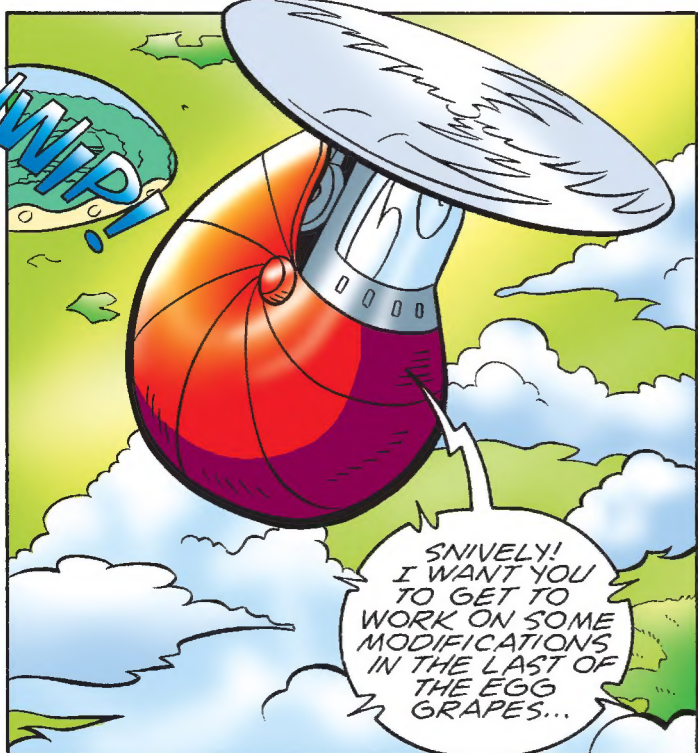
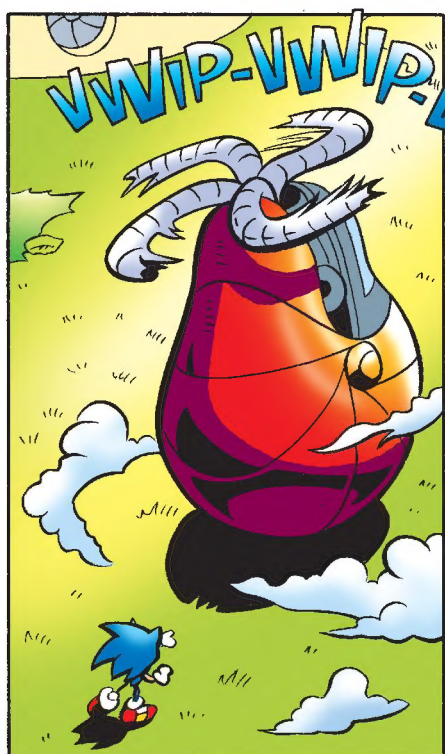
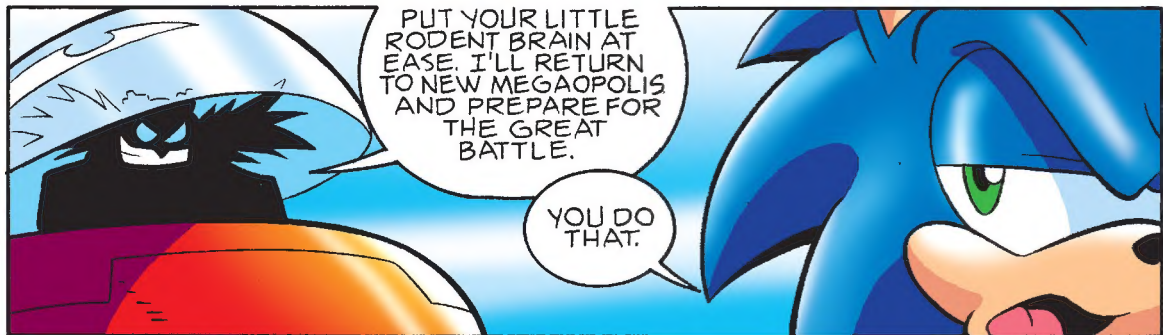
HRUMPH!
YOU INSULT
MY HONOR!



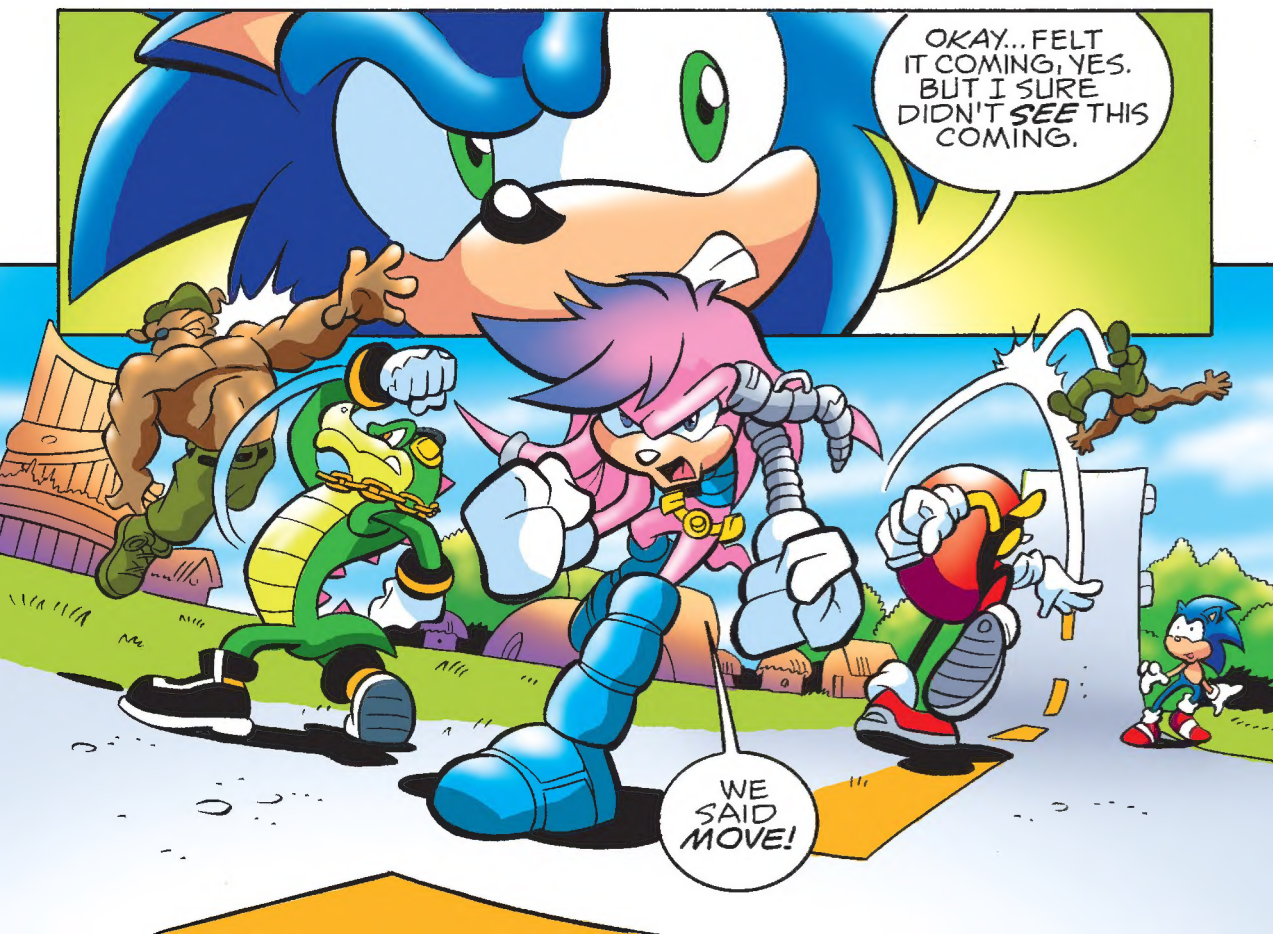
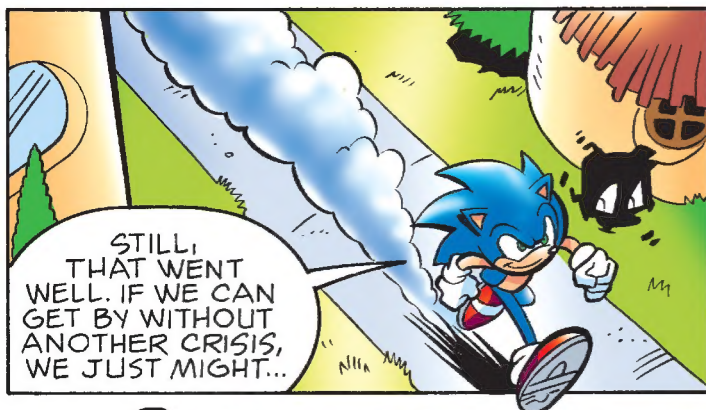
OH,
PLEASE. EVERY
TIME WE'VE HAD
TO WORK TOGETHER,
YOU'VE TURNED ON ME.
THIS IS SERIOUS, DOC.
YOU'LL HURT TOO, IF
YOU MESS THIS UP.

PUT YOUR LITTLE
RODENT BRAIN AT
EASE. I'LL RETURN
TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS
AND PREPARE FOR
THE GREAT
BATTLE.

YOU DO
THAT.



SNIVELY!
I WANT YOU
TO GET TO
WORK ON SOME
MODIFICATIONS
IN THE LAST OF
THE EGG
GRAPES...



JUST ABOVE HAVEN II
AND THE MASTER
EMERALD'S
CHAMBER...

YO!

DOCTOR
CREEPY
VON EVIL--!
WE'VE GOT
AN UPDATE
FOR YOU!

BE CAREFUL
AROUND THIS
GUY, SCOURGE.
HE GIVES ME
THE CREEPS...
AND I *KNOW*
CREEPY.

PSH,
FIONA, HE
WEARS A CAPE
AND BANDAGES.
HE CAN'T BE
THAT BAD.

I LEFT
IMPLICIT
INSTRUCTIONS
THAT I WAS
NOT TO BE
DISTURBED
AT THIS
POINT.

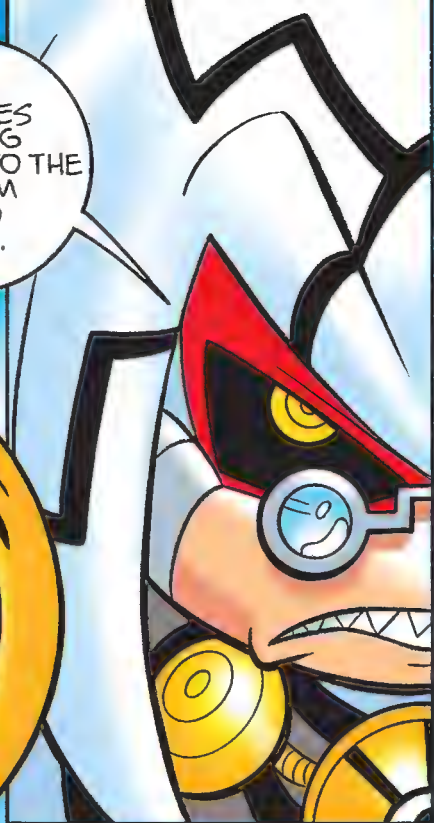
RIGHT, RIGHT, DOC FIN!
YOU ALSO SAID TO LET
YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT
THE OTHER CLOWNS ON
THIS FLYING ROCK.

VERY
WELL.
REPORT.

ALL RIGHT, SO GENERAL
KAGE VON STRYKER HAS
HIS WHOLE DINGO ARMY
ON THE MOVE. IT LOOKS
LIKE HE'S READY TO TAKE
OUT THE LAST FEW ECHID-
NAS THE DESTRUCTIX
HAVE BEEN PROTECTING
WHILE YOU PLAY "MAD
SCIENTIST."

MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE THE FLAME AND FROST LEGIONS HAVE CAUGHT ON. THEY'VE STOPPED FIGHTING EACH OTHER AND DECIDED TO ATTACK BEFORE YOU FINISH... WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING DOWN THERE.

HMPH. TWO ARMIES ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE POWER I'M ABOUT TO UNLEASH.



DEFEND THE ECHIDNAS-- OR DON'T. IT DOESN'T MATTER AT THIS POINT. I'M ALMOST READY...



SEE? HE REDEFINES "CREEPY." WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

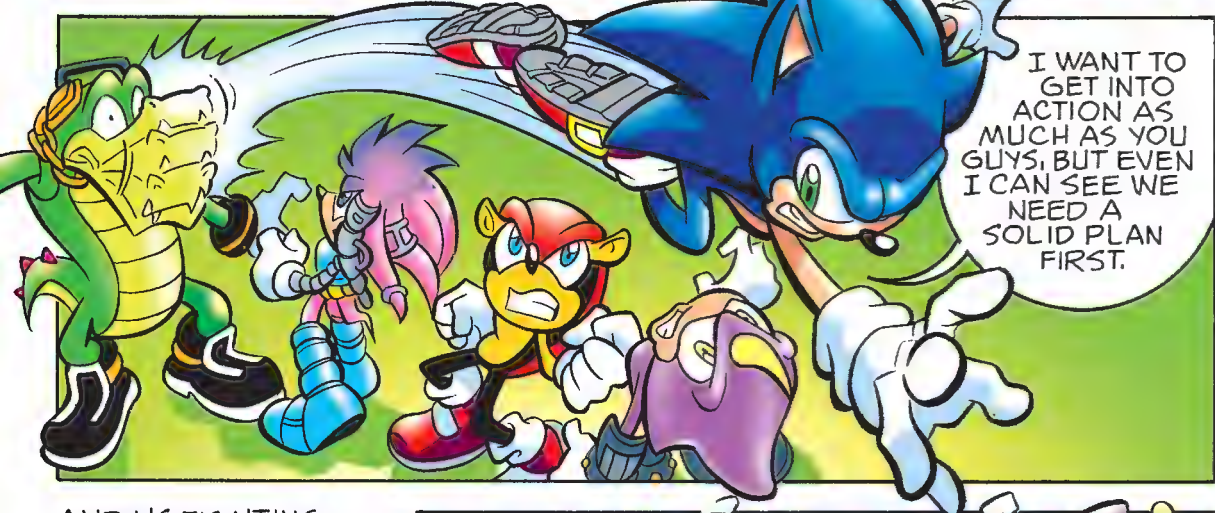
YOU HEARD THE MAN...

WE'VE GOT NO STANDING ORDERS. I'M GOING TO CHILL OUT AND ENJOY THE SHOW.

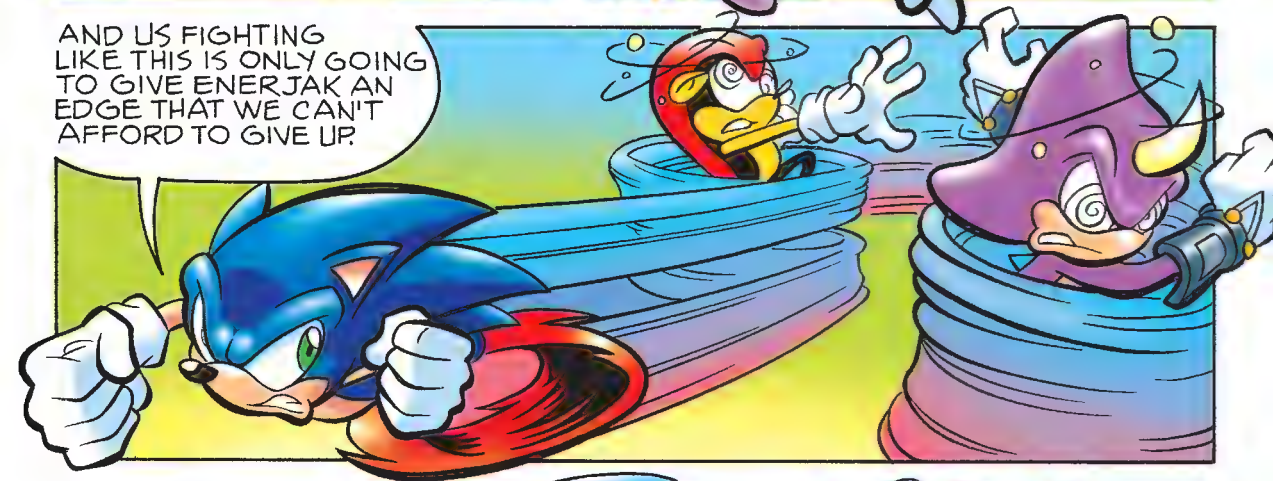


"THIS 'ENERJAK'
BETTER BE WORTH
THE HASSLE."

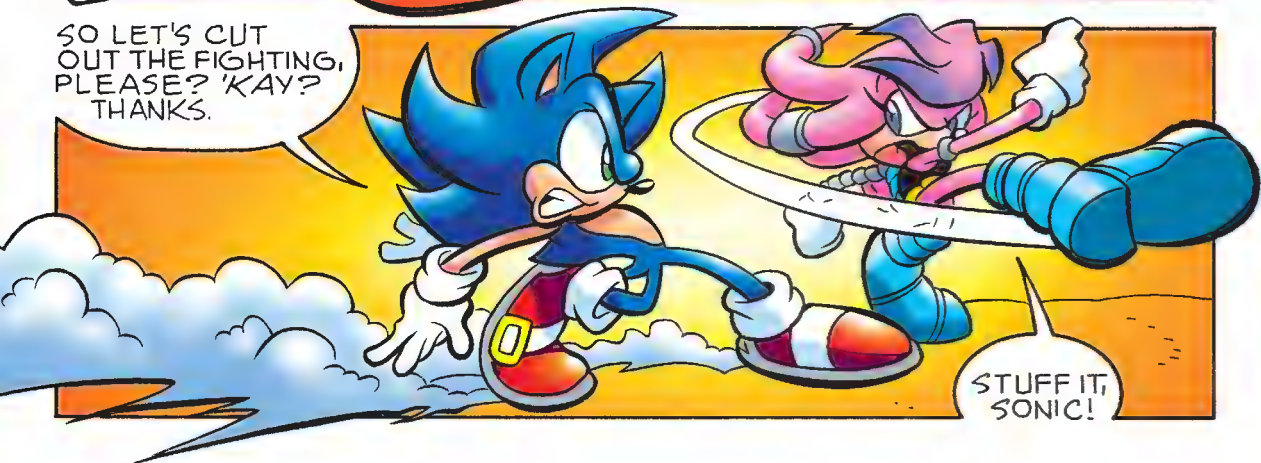
GUYS...LIKE I
JUST GOT FINISHED
TELLING ROBOTNIK
...WE JUST DON'T
NEED THIS RIGHT
NOW!



AND US FIGHTING
LIKE THIS IS ONLY GOING
TO GIVE ENERJAK AN
EDGE THAT WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO GIVE UP.



SO LET'S CUT
OUT THE FIGHTING,
PLEASE? 'KAY?
THANKS.

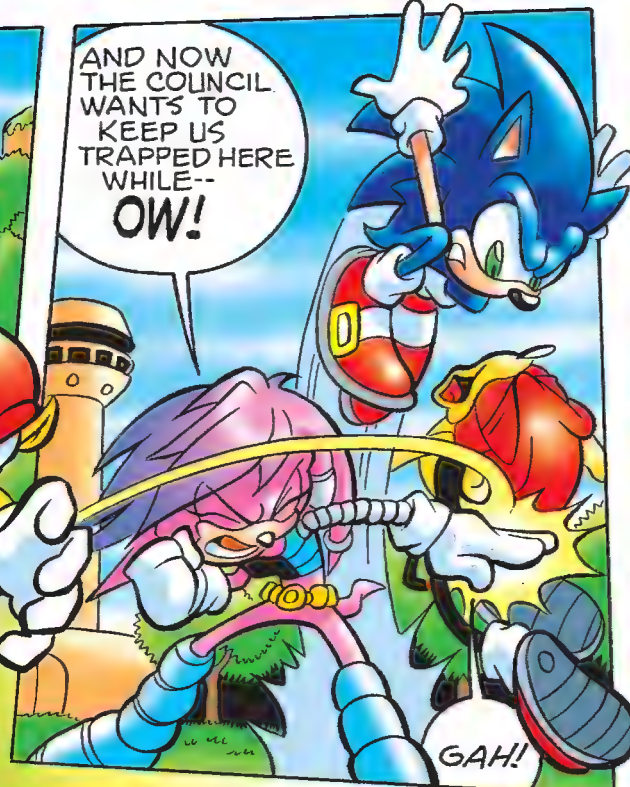




KNUCKLES IS OUT THERE AND NEEDS OUR HELP!

YEAH, BUT--

AND NOW THE COUNCIL WANTS TO KEEP US TRAPPED HERE WHILE--
OW!



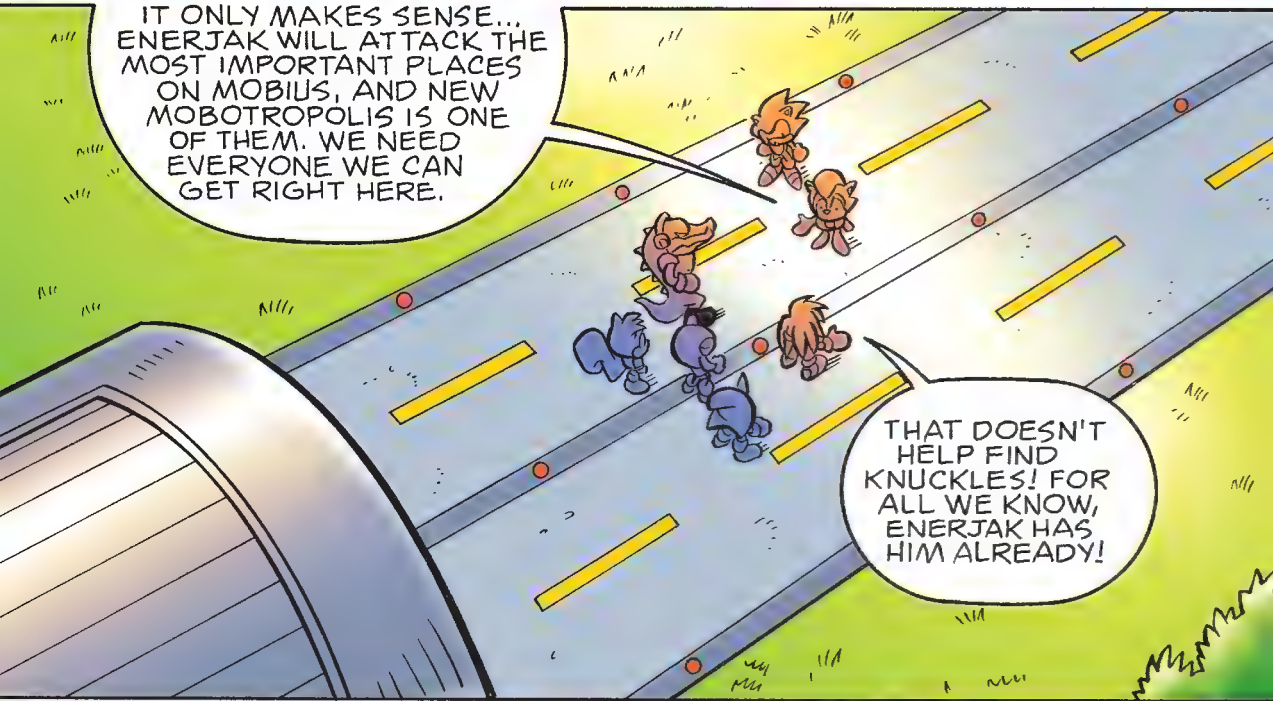
GAH!

YOU TALK ABOUT "UNITY," BUT NOBODY IS FREE TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR SAY--SO, I THOUGHT WE WERE YOUR FRIENDS, NOT YOUR PET MERCENARIES.



YOU GOT ME THERE, 'SU. I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT YOU GUYS OVER IT ANYMORE.







"...WE'LL
GET THERE
JUST IN
TIME!"

HERE YOU GO,
GENIUS. YOU
WANTED TO
ENJOY THE
SHOW.

SO SHUT UP
ALREADY BEFORE
I MISS SOME-
THING.

RUMBLE

SSSSHHH

SSHHOOOOOOOOOKM

S-S-S-
SCOURGE
...?

...WHOA...



You HAVE to come back next month as the epic battle begins with
"**ENERJAK: REBORN!**"
FIND OUT WHO IS ENERJAK IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG#181!

MEANWHILE, ON ANOTHER DAY
AND ANOTHER ADVENTURE...

URGH...
TAILS?

OOOOGH...
I'M HERE,
SONIC.

SONIC RUSH ADVENTURE

HIGH STAKES ON THE HIGH SEA

COOL.
THEN THE NEXT
QUESTION IS --

-- WHERE IS
"HERE?"

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ONE LOUSY
STORM AND WE'RE
THROWN COMPLETELY
OFF-COURSE.

AT LEAST
WE'RE IN ONE
PIECE.

AHOY
THERE!

YOU GUYS
TOOK A NASTY FALL.
GOOD PULSE.

DID YOU
SWALLOW ANY
SEAWATER?

NO?

GOOD.
THAT STUFF
IS NASTY.

YOU TWO PASS
WITH A CLEAN BILL OF
HEALTH. NOW COME ON,
ME SWABBIES! YOUR
CAPTAIN IS GETTING SAIL
FOR ADVENTURE!

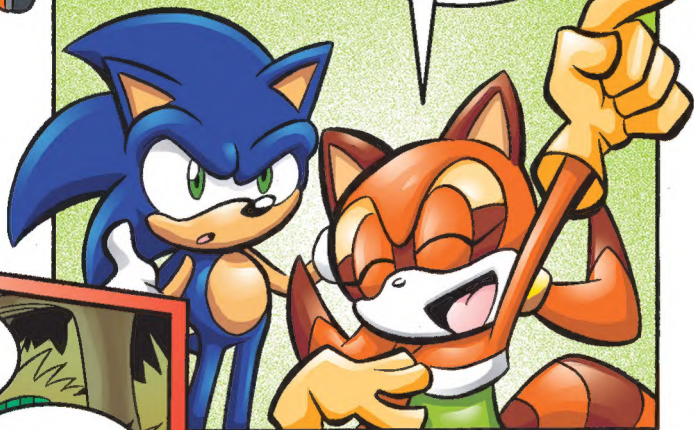
YEAH, NO.
HOLD ON
A SECOND.

EEK!
MUTINY!



LISTEN, KIDDO,
WE'RE KIND OF LOST
AT THE MOMENT, AND WE
DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO
YOU ARE SO ...

YOU'RE ON
SEAGULL ISLAND!
MY NAME IS MARINE
AND I AM YOUR CAPTAIN
AND YOU'RE ON MY
CREW NOW.



NOW, LET'S
SHOVE OFF!
TO ADVENTURE!

YOU HAVE FUN
WITH THAT. LET'S SEE
HOW BAD THE PLANE
IS, TAILS.

WELL... UM...
WHAT KIND OF
ADVENTURE?



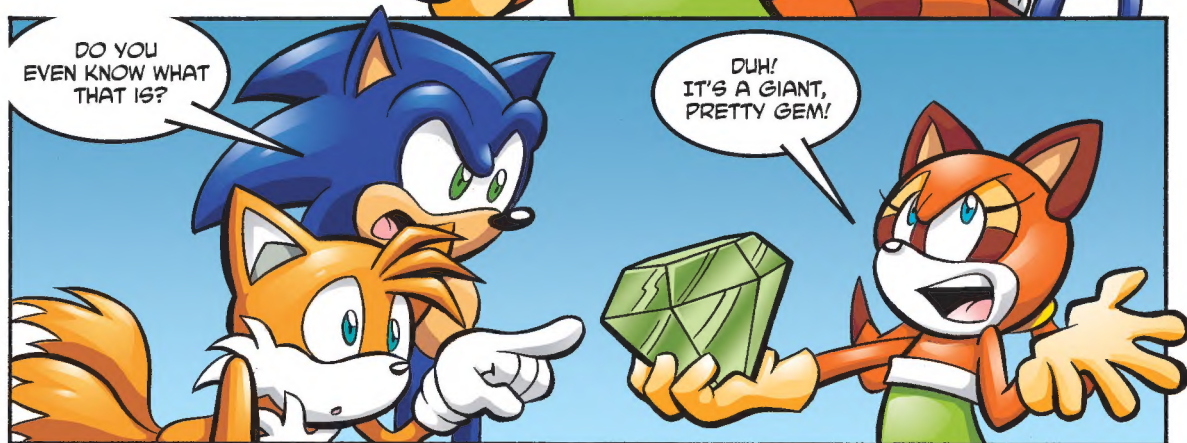
WELL,
FIGHTING PIRATES
FOR ONE THING.

PIRATE
FIGHTING
YOU SAY?



JUST A FEW DAYS AGO
A NASTY GROUP OF PIRATES
CAME TO THE ISLAND. THEY'VE BEEN
LOOTING THE ISLAND IN THEIR
SEARCH FOR TREASURE!



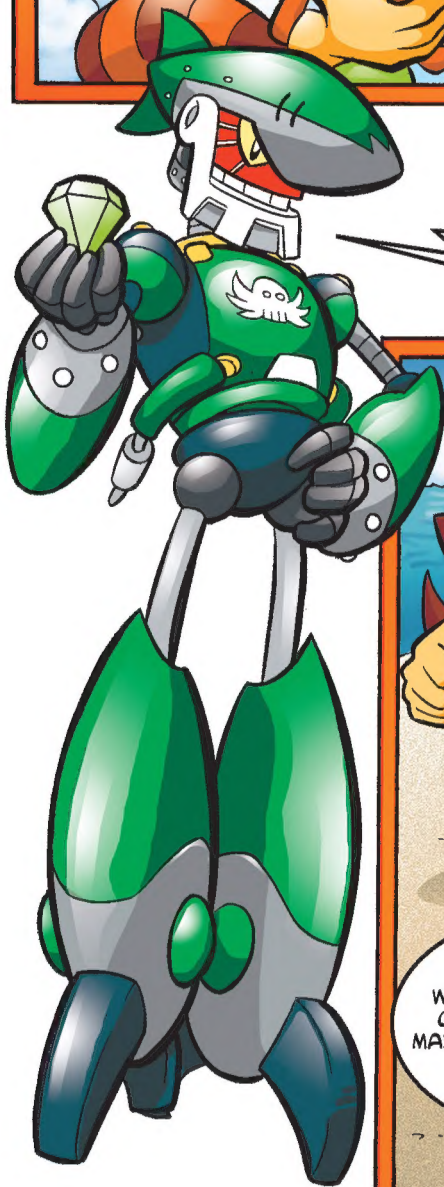




OH NO!
MY SPARKLY
GEM!

I'M IMPRESSED.
THAT WAS ACTUALLY
PRETTY FAST.

"PRETTY FAST?!"
I WAS AMAZING!



YOU'RE LOOKING
AT THE BEST OF CAP'N WHISKER'S
AGENTS. THE FASTEST OF THE FAST. THE
SULTAN OF SPEED. THE EMBODIMENT OF
AWESOME! THE NAME'S JOHNNY
AND YOU ALL WILL EAT
MY DUST!



GIVE
THAT
BACK!

GET READY
TO EAT YOUR
WORDS, JOHNNY-BOY!
COME ON, "CAPTAIN"
MARINE! YOU'RE GETTING
YOUR ADVENTURE
AFTER ALL!

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